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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-35032-2019

Date of decision: 08.04.2022

JAGDEEP SINGH

...Petitioner

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. H. P. S. Ghuman, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Nikhil Chopra, Advocate
for the respondent-UI.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to consider the application submitted by the petitioner for renewal of the licence of Notary having registration No.3297, File No.5(240)/05-NC Government of India, in accordance with law.

Learned counsel for the petitioner herein would contend that the petitioner is an Advocate and was appointed as a Notary by the Government of India in the year 2006 for a period of five years. The licence of the petitioner was further renewed in the year 2011 for a period of five years that is up till the year 2016. In fact there was a delay in moving an appropriate application for renewal of the licence in the year 2016 on account that the wife of the petitioner met with an accident and was hospitalized. Consequently, there was a delay in filing application for renewal of the licence but the same was not intentional. Learned counsel for

the petitioner herein would contend that the petitioner has been making several representations i.e. representations dated 09.10.2017 (Annexure P-2) and 06.06.2019 (Annexure P-3) to the respondents to consider his application for renewal, however, as on date, no response has been received to the same. He contends that at the present moment, he would be satisfied in case his abovesaid representations are decided expeditiously by passing a speaking order.

Mr. Nikhil Chopra, Advocate, for the respondent-Union of India would submit that the respondent-UOI will look into the matter and will take a decision on the representations of the petitioner. Let sufficient number of copies of the complete paper book be supplied to him during the course of day.

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent-UOI to decide the representation dated 06.06.2019 Annexure P-3 of the petitioner within a period of two months from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order, in accordance with law and convey the decision to the petitioner. In case of failure to do so, the officer responsible for the lapse would be liable to costs of Rs.20,000/- from his personal pocket, to be deposited with the Punjab and Haryana High Court Advocates Welfare Fund.

08.04.2022
Chetan Thakur

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No